

## State-Level Temporary Assistance for the HCTC National Emergency Grant (NEG) Bridge Program

Some states currently have temporary assistance programs for individuals who are potentially eligible for the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC). This HCTC temporary assistance program, also called the National Emergency Grant (NEG) Bridge Program, pays 65% of individuals' health plan premiums while they are enrolling in the HCTC Program. This temporary assistance ends when individuals receive their first invoice from the HCTC Program.

If you are potentially eligible for the HCTC and live in one of the states listed below, contact your state to inquire about your eligibility for the state's temporary assistance for the HCTC. If your state is not listed below and you want to inquire about the future availability of a NEG Bridge Program in your state, you may also call the U.S. Department of Labor toll-free at 1-877-US-2JOBS (877-872-5627).

STATE	CONTACT	PHONE	WEBSITE
Florida	Trade personnel	1-800-342-3450	<a href="http://www.floridajobs.org/hctc/">http://www.floridajobs.org/hctc/</a>
Illinois	Jonathan Taylor, Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan	1-866-851-2751 (Illinois only) 217-782-6333	<a href="http://www.chip.state.il.us">www.chip.state.il.us</a> <a href="http://www.chip.state.il.us/April_05/GapFiller.html">http://www.chip.state.il.us/April_05/GapFiller.html</a> (refer callers to the Newsletter link and the article entitled "ICHIP Continues to Break New Ground With Health Coverage Tax Credit Gap Filler Project")
Kentucky	Melissa Wiley	502-564-7456	<a href="http://www.dtr.ky.gov/trade.htm">http://www.dtr.ky.gov/trade.htm</a>
Maine	Maine Bureau of Employment Services – Maine Health Coverage Tax Credit Program	1-888-457-8883	Under construction
Maryland	Becca Webster, Maryland Health Coverage Tax Credit Program	1-877-341-7697	<a href="http://www.mdhctc.info">www.mdhctc.info</a>
Minnesota	Lowell Johnson	1-888-631-1345	<a href="http://www.deed.state.mn.us/taa/tra.htm">http://www.deed.state.mn.us/taa/tra.htm</a>
North Carolina	Employment Security Commission – local offices have NEG/state HCTC Program information	Contact your local ESC office	<a href="http://www.ncesc.com">www.ncesc.com</a>
Ohio	HCTC Gap Filler Program Staff	1-866-288-0989, select Option 3	NA
Utah	Jean Fisher, Department of Workforce Services	1-877-529-5578	<a href="http://jobs.utah.gov">http://jobs.utah.gov</a>
Virginia	Anna Wright, Virginia Health Coverage Tax Credit Program Administrator	1-866-484-8130	NA
Washington	HCTC Coordinator	1-360-438-4000	<a href="http://fortress.wa.gov/esd/portal/">http://fortress.wa.gov/esd/portal/</a>
West Virginia	Elaine Huskins, Workforce Investment Specialist	1-304-558-7024	NA

### Enrolling in the State's HCTC Temporary Assistance Program

Each state has a different registration process for individuals to enroll in the state's HCTC temporary assistance program. However, all states require that an individual:

- Be a PBGC recipient or TAA certified (Trade Adjustment Act), and
- Have qualified health insurance.

Most states require:

- A copy of the HCTC Candidate Letter (all potentially eligible individuals receive this in the mail from the HCTC Program), and
- Proof of qualified health coverage (a COBRA election letter and/or documentation from a State-Qualified Health Plan).